

## WITH THE LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE SPENT MORNING IN DISCUSSING COUNTY BOND ISSUES.

John E. Smith Still Deadlock on Election of Warehouse Commissioner—Vote Split Between Two Candidates—McLaurin Still in the Race for Job He Resigned.

Columbia, Jan. 25.—Practically the whole morning session of the house was consumed without a vote being reached in debating the Bradford measure prohibiting the rotation of bond issues without a referendum vote of the people.

At noon the joint assembly met and cast its third ballot for a warehouse commissioner to succeed John L. McLaurin, resigned. There was a deadlock, the vote being as follows: J. T. L. White, 13; John J. McMahan, 5; W. G. Smith, 35; A. J. Beattie, 14; W. W. Bradley, 23; James A. Drake, 20; John L. McLaurin, 20. Another ballot will be necessary.

After taking two more ballots for warehouse commissioner, the seemingly hopeless deadlock remained unbroken and the election was postponed until Thursday at noon. On the last ballot the vote was as follows: White 5, McMahan 20, Smith 34, Beattie 18, Bradley 26, Drake 18, McLaurin 24.

A vote was taken on the Bradford resolution and it was killed. The vote was 31 to 29. As the vote was for a constitutional amendment it had to be two-thirds, which was 33.

Columbia, Jan. 25.—Former State Warehouse Commissioner John L. McLaurin in a letter to Representative Am. Hall asked that his name be withdrawn as a candidate for State Warehouse Commissioner. "Our return is to the people in 1918," said the former warehouse commissioner. He said that he resigned because it was impossible to serve the people of the state. "Factional prejudice is too strong in the general assembly to permit me to continue the development of the system," said Mr. McLaurin.

## YOUNG GIRL KILLED.

Marie Monahan, 19, Killed When Automobile Overcame While Turning Corner.

Columbia, Jan. 25.—Marie Monahan, 19 years of age, is dead here as the result of an automobile accident. With her mother and other women and two men she was enjoying a ride shortly after midnight. Coming back to the city, seven miles from Charleston, the automobile overturned, turning a corner in a bad place in the road. Marie was fatally hurt, receiving internal injuries and severe cuts. She died on the way to the hospital. The others in the machine escaped without much more than a shaking up. At the coroner's inquest today a verdict of accidental death was rendered. The dead girl is of a well known family here.

## PRESIDENT APPROVES WITHDRAWAL.

Gen. Pershing's Outposts are Being Withdrawn in Preparatory to Movement Toward Border.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The war department orders that Gen. Pershing's outposts in Mexico be withdrawn have been approved by the president. There are intimations that the movement of the main body of troops toward the border will begin as soon as the outposts have been brought in.

## MRS. M. E. MARION DEAD.

Mother of Rev. J. P. Marion Passes Away.

Chester, Jan. 22.—Mrs. M. E. Marion, widow of the late Rev. J. P. Marion, died yesterday morning at Richburg at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Drennan, after a long illness, and while her death came as a great shock to her family it was not unexpected. Mrs. Marion was a noble Christian woman and was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. She was loved by all who knew her for her bright and cheerful disposition and lovely character.

The funeral and interment will be at Richburg Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock; the Rev. J. T. Bendy of Belmont, N. C., conducting the services.

Mrs. Marion was 71 years of age and was a daughter of the late Samuel Castles. Her mother, Mrs. Jackson Boyd, who attained an age of more than 90 years, resided in Arkansas. Mrs. Marion is survived by the following children: Mrs. R. B. Allison of Lancaster; the Rev. J. P. Marion of Sumter; Dr. L. B. Marion of Mountville; Edgar T. Marion of New York; and Mrs. J. B. Drennan and Miss Mary Marion of Richburg.

Licenses to marry have been issued to the following colored couples: James Miller and Gladys E. Brown, Columbia; Jim Seiger and Leah Hunter, Wedgefield.

## COMMENT ON SPEECH.

WILSON'S ADDRESS TO SENATE CHIEF TOPIC IN EUROPE.

Paris Newspapers Say His Proposal is a Noble Chimera, Right in Principle But Altogether Visionary.

Paris, Jan. 23.—The morning papers' comment on President Wilson's speech is generally sympathetic but skeptical.

The Petit-Parisien said the president's conceptions of a proper basis for peace "were ours long before 1917."

The Victoir called the speech "a masterly page of social philosophy but marred by the 'words peace without victory.'"

The Journal declared that President Wilson is obsessed by a "noble chimera" of universal brotherhood, as if he expected a change in human nature.

## SHOT BY HIS OWN GUN.

Florence Citizen Seriously Wounded While Hunting.

Florence, Jan. 20.—Mr. H. O. S. Jackson, of this city, was badly injured Thursday by the premature discharge of a shotgun in his own hands while returning from a day's hunt.

Mr. Jackson, with friends, had been down on Cooper river, near Monck's Corner, on a duck hunt. They had just returned to the bank of the river in a boat and when he attempted to remove his loaded gun from the boat it was discharged, the trigger of the gun striking some part of the boat.

The lead struck Mr. Jackson a glancing blow in the temple and side of the head, wounding him badly. He was brought to Florence and carried to a local infirmary and is reported resting fairly well.

## TO INSTALL RICE MILL.

Sumter Roller Mills to Care for Rice, as Well as Wheat and Corn.

The Sumter Chamber of Commerce is now able to announce that the Sumter Roller Mills will positively install an up-to-date rice mill for the hulling of rice, and that the mill will be of sufficient capacity to take care of all of the rice brought here for hulling, and the machinery will be of the very latest approved type. The mill will be ready to care for all rice planted during 1917.

This should prove gratifying information to hundreds of farmers of Sumter, Lee and Clarendon and other counties near to Sumter because, if the farmers go into the rice planting business as they should, they will save many hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.

The Chamber of Commerce urges and hopes that rice planting will be general in these three counties this year as the more rice there is produced at home the greater will be the amount of money kept at home.

## Worldwide Work of the W. C. T. U.

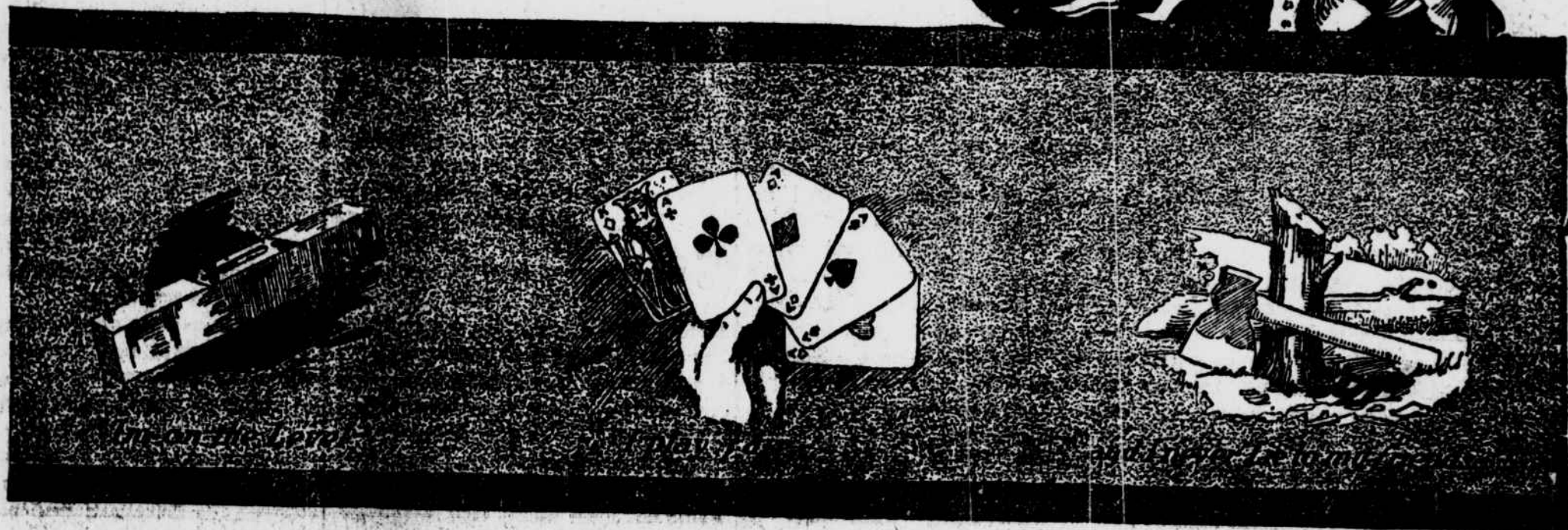
The United States is one of forty countries federated in the world's W. C. T. U. whose tenth triennial convention would have met this year but for the tragedy of the European war. In the beloved and honored president of our world-wide organization, Rosland, Countess of Carlisle, we have a sagacious and brilliant leader. Lady Carlisle's generous gifts to the missionary fund of the world's W. C. T. U. with those of Mrs. Caroline McDowell of Pittsburgh have made possible the extension of our organization in many lands.

Twenty-one republics of the western hemisphere, twenty of them south of the United States, are brought into friendly touch through the splendid activity centered in the Pan-American Building in Washington, D. C. The world's W. C. T. U. has had an active part in the promotion of this international spirit. The immensity of our South American Temperance field is hinted at in the fact that we could place in Brazil all of the United States, including Alaska, and have a margin of 200,000 square miles.

Relief work for soldiers in the trenches and for destitute families at home is occupying much of the time of the W. C. T. U. members in the countries affected by the war. Never has our white-ribbon tie seemed so close, so sacred or so tender. Sore bereavements have come to many of our standard bearers in the war zone. To each of these we extend our sympathy, and we bless God that in the World's W. C. T. U. we are united by a bond so close and so strong that it can survive even the awful strain of war. Let us never forget that our society worthily bears the name of "Organized Mother Love." Mother love never dies.—Extracts from Miss Anna Gordon's annual address.

Columbia, Jan. 22.—The American Publishing Company of Charleston has filed notice of an increase in capital stock from \$850,000 to \$1,000,000.

# A Southern Gentleman Is Popular Everywhere



Just think this over a minute.—How many friends have *you*? Not the fellows who borrow from you—I mean the chaps who will *fight* for you! Fellows who believe in you—who stick by you through thick and thin. You can count them on one hand, can't you? But listen to this.—I have *several million* down South here.

And why? Because I've been on the level.

**You Folks of the South KNOW Good blood!**  
**You Folks of the South KNOW Good tobacco!**

I have friends down South, and I keep them—because quality does tell. And it means a whole lot when I say:

I am guaranteed by *The American Tobacco Co.* —Buy me. If you don't like me return me to your dealer and get your money back. I have said it. A Southern gentleman is known the world over for keeping his word, and I have given you mine.

# Sovereign Cigarettes

FOR THE GENTLEMAN OF THE SOUTH  
*"King of Them All"*

## CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING.

Favor County Health Survey and Request County Commissioners to Reconsider Recent Action; Also Ask for Improvements at Jail—Other Matters.

An unusually large attendance and the presence of a number of new members characterized the January meeting of the Civic League. Many matters were discussed and acted upon, among them being the question of the health survey for this county, the league requesting the county commissioners to reconsider their action in this matter. The health committee was asked to meet with the city board of health and request the co-operation of certain lot owners in improving the conditions prevailing on said lots. The same committee was instructed to notify the county medical association that the league would gladly assist again in holding a Better Baby Contest and to take charge of plans for that occasion.

The matter of parking cars on the grass on the court house square was brought to the attention of the league, and it was decided to ask that this be stopped as it is proving detrimental to one of our few open squares.

The chairman of committee in charge of selling the Christmas seals (Mrs. Horace Harby) reported that the sales had been excellent, and that the portion retained for this county would amount to \$171.74 with a few

more centres to be heard from. This sum will be used for tuberculosis work under the care of the city nurse.

The president of the league told of a recent visit to the jail and of the deplorable conditions there and a resolution was passed asking the commissioners to take immediate action towards improving matters there.

A representative of the Davey Tree Co., made a short talk to the ladies on the care of trees, and of the work he was engaged to do in the town. The league decided to use all possible influence to induce citizens to have this work done in front of their own homes, also to ask council to go with a committee from the league on a tour of inspection of the trees in town, and voted to spend \$200 for work on trees not otherwise cared for, and to ask council to spend a similar amount.

After hearing the reports of the chairman and treasurer of the library it was decided to spend \$100 on books.

These are only some of the matters that were considered at the meeting, giving the fifty women present a busy afternoon.

B. F. Myers, of Hagood, through his attorney, Davis D. Moise, has filed a petition to be declared bankrupt in the United States district court. Robert J. Kirk has been appointed referee. In the petition the liabilities are given at \$17,521.26, and the assets at \$21,582.28.—Charleston American.

## A LESSON FOR FARMERS.

What the Boll Weevil Teaches in Agriculture.

Appropos of the coming of the boll weevil, the following may not be amiss just at this time, with apologies to F. G. S. under the title of "Friend."

"A boll weevil and a farmer met upon the road one day. Said the farmer to the weevil: 'All your kind I'd like to slay.' Said the weevil to the farmer, 'You have never heard my side of this pestiferous question or you wouldn't want my hide.' Quoth the weevil: 'I'm the only thing to set you planters right upon the road of sanity and bring you into sight of methods that will make your farms blossom like a rose, and stop the dreams of wealth you have while chopping cotton rows. You all have many times agreed to cut the cotton crop by planting less and making less so prices wouldn't drop, but you've broken each agreement all to dusty smithereens, and you haven't got a dollar in your poor old ragged jeans. You couldn't cut your acreage to make your neighbors rich, for he was planting his land, fence corners and the ditch; in such case you knew exactly just the thing to do, so you followed him and both of you helped cut the price in two. Now I've come here to make the other fellow keep his word, and I'm cussed out with the worst abuse a good bug ever heard; but you raise a little cotton and much

meat and corn and stuff—if your neighbor tries to fool you I will this time call his bluff."

For your information, beg to advise at meeting of the directors of the Sumter Roller Mills held on Monday, January 22nd, it was decided to install a rice huller and polisher in time to take care of the next crop. This information will no doubt be of considerable interest to the planters of Sumter and surrounding counties, and is another step towards preparing for the coming of the boll weevil.

Respectfully yours,  
Sumter Roller Mills,  
A. C. Phelps, President and Treas.

## OFFICERS OF ROLLER MILLS.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Sumter Roller Mills, held on Monday, the 22nd, the following were elected directors: G. A. Lemon, E. H. Moses, Hal W. Harby, W. C. Boyle, J. W. McDonald, A. C. Phelps.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors, A. C. Phelps was elected president and treasurer; E. H. Moses, vice president; H. W. Harby, secretary, and J. W. McDonald, manager.

Every farm in South Carolina should have a well planned and kept home orchard. Make your plans now to put out one this winter. It will pay you. One acre will furnish enough fruit for the average family with a surplus to sell.